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In re Application of :
Matti Hiltunen, Jukka Liukkonen and :
Harri Vatanen :
Application No. 09/931,338 :
Filed: August 16, 2001 :
Title: METHOD FOR TRANSMISSION OF :
SECURE MESSAGES IN A :
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK :

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DECISION NOTING JOINDER
OF INVENTOR AND PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT

This is in response to the "Request for Reconsideration of Petition under 37 CFR § 1.47(a)," filed November 7, 2002.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

The above-identified application was filed on August 16, 2001, with an unexecuted declaration. Matti Hiltunen, Jukka Liukkonen and Harri Vatanen were named as joint inventors. In response to a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted (Notice)" mailed September 21, 2001, applicants filed the initial petition under § 1.47 to accept declarations executed by joint inventors Hiltunen and Liukkonen on behalf of themselves and on behalf of joint inventor Vatanen. The petition was dismissed for failure to provide adequate proof of the refusal of inventor Vatanen to join in the application (Decision mailed June 20, 2002).

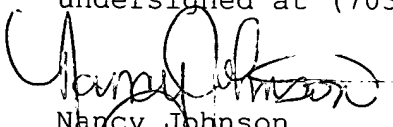
On instant request for reconsideration, applicants filed a declaration executed by previously non-signing inventor Harri Vatanen. This reply was made timely by an accompanying petition (and fee) for a three-month extension of time.

The declaration filed November 7, 2002, has been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the joint inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and the petition is considered moot. This application does not have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for completion of pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0309.


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